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TEXT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SEPTEMBER 20, 1977 STATEMENT ON
ADMISSION OF DJIBOUTI AND VIETNAM TO UN MEMBERSHIP FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

MR. PRESIDENT:

ALLOW ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU MOST HEARTILY ON YOUR ASSUMPTION
OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY. LET ME EMPHASIZE MY DELEGATION'S CONFIDENCE IN
YOU AND OUR DEEP DESIRE TO COOPERATE MOST FULLY IN YOUR
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CONDUCT OF THIS ASSEMBLY'S BUSINESS. FURTHERMORE, LET ME
EXTEND TO PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE MY DELEGATION'S GREAT ADMIRATION
AND PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR THE DEDICATED, COURTEOUS AND
OUTSTANDINGLY ABLE AND EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP HE PROVIDED THE
31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE HAS FURTHER DISTINGUISHED A
REMARKABLE AND ONGOING CAREER.

MR. PRESIDENT, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST COUNTRY, I WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY, DJIBOUTI, AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

IN DOING SO, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY GOVERNMENT'S SATISFACTION THAT THIS ORGANIZATION NOW MOVES ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF UNIVERSALITY OF MEMBERSHIP. THIS IS AN OBJECTIVE WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE ACHIEVED IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

THE UNITED STATES WAS AMONG THOSE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH SPONSORED THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF DJIBOUTI TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND JOINED IN THE CONSENSUS WHICH APPROVED THIS RECOMMENDATION. WE ARE NOW PLEASED TO WELCOME DJIBOUTI TO FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. DJIBOUTI STANDS AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A SUCCESSFUL PEACEFUL TRANSITION FROM COLONIAL STATUS TO INDEPENDENCE. WITH CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THIS NEW NATION, THE UNITED STATES EXTENDS THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

IN OUR RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM, THE UNITED STATES LOOKS TO THE FUTURE. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS, AS VIETNAM JOINS THE COMMON EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE CHARTER.

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MR. PRESIDENT, IF I MAY BE PERMITTED A PERSONAL WORD. I WOULD REMIND THIS ASSEMBLY THAT VIETNAM'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROFOUND STRUGGLE WITHIN THE NATION WHICH I REPRESENT. TEN YEARS AGO MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES CAME TO DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA IN AN ATTEMPT TO END THE CONFLICT. FIVE YEARS AGO I WAS ELECTED BY THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA TO THE 93RD CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH AMENDED OUR MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION TO CUT OFF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF WAGING WAR IN VIETNAM. IT IS QUITE APPROPRIATE, I THINK, THAT TWO OF THE DELEGATES OF MY COUNTRY TO THIS ASSEMBLY ARE MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND CONGRESSMAN CHARLES WHALEN, ONE OF THE CONGRESSMEN THAT SPONSORED THAT AMENDMENT.

IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT VIETNAM'S ENTRY INTO THIS BODY IS ONE MORE STEP IN THE WORLDWIDE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND PROSPERITY, A STRUGGLE WHICH WE NOW CARRY ON TOGETHER PEACEFULLY IN THIS INTERNATIONAL BODY, AND WITHIN OUR OWN COUNTRIES.

FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST COUNTRY,
PERMIT ME THE HONOR OF EXTENDING A MOST CORDIAL AND SINCERE
WELCOME TO ALL WHO HAVE ARRIVED AND WILL BE ARRIVING TO TAKE
PART IN THE WORK OF THIS GREAT ASSEMBLY. I WISH EVERYONE
MOST USEFUL, REWARDING AND AGREEABLE STAYS. OUR DELEGATION
LOOKS FORWARD GREATLY TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU AS WE SEEK TO
IMPLEMENT THE IDEALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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